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SUBJECT: BONN DECLARATION ON TERRORISM

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1. BRAZILIAN RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE ON HIJACKING IS INDICATION OF ITS SENSITIVITY TO ACCEPTING PROPOSALS IN WHICH IT HAS NOT HAD PART IN NEGOTIATING. NEVERTHELESS RESPONSE, IN THAT FOREIGN MINISTER STATES BRAZIL WILL SUPPORT PROPOSAL IF PRESENTED AT UNITED NATIONS, IS POSITIVE.

2. FOEIGN MINISTER ALSO WANTED TO HEDGE ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. BUT THIS APPEARS TO BE HEDGE WITHOUT CAREFUL READING OF SUMMIT DECLARATION WHICH SPEAKS OF CUTTING OFF SERVICE TO COUNTRY TO WHICH HIJACKERS GO IF THAT COUNTRY DOES NOT ACT TO EXTRADITE OR TRY THEM.

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3. FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO APPARENTLY BELIEVES THAT ALTHOUGH BONN SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS CONDEMN TERRORISM, THERE IS A DISPOSITION TO FUDGE ON THAT CONDEMNATION WHEN IT IS COMMITTED BY PERSONS WHOSE CAUSE TENDS TO BE VIEWED WITH FAVOR. THE EXAMPLE HE GAVE WAS THE FAVORABLE PRESS TREATMENT OF THE CURRENT TERRORISM IN NICARAGUA, THE ASYLUM GIVEN BY PANAMA AND THE LACK OF ANY ADVERSE COMMENT.

ONE SUSPECTS, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD IN THE BACK OF HIS MIND SEVERE
CRITICISM OF BRAZIL'S EFFORTS TO COUNTERACT TERRORISM FROM 1968"75.

4. THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR INFORMED AMBASSADOR AUGUST 31 THAT IN CON-
VERSATION WITH MINISTER'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT LATTER DID NOT KNOW
WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY RESPONSE TO AIDE MEMORIE. FRG AMBASSADOR
THOUGHT NOT. (IF THERE IS REPLY, WE WOULD EXPECT IT TO BE COPY
OF PRESS STATEMENT.) SPECIAL ASSISTANT INTERPRETED PHRASE "REACTIVE
MEASURES SHOULD DEAL WITH THE ACTS THEMSELVES WITHOUT SUBJECTIVE
CONSIDERATIONS" TO MEAN BRAZIL CONDEMNS TERRORISM IRRESPECTIVE
OF POLITICAL MOTIVATION OF TERRORISTS.
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